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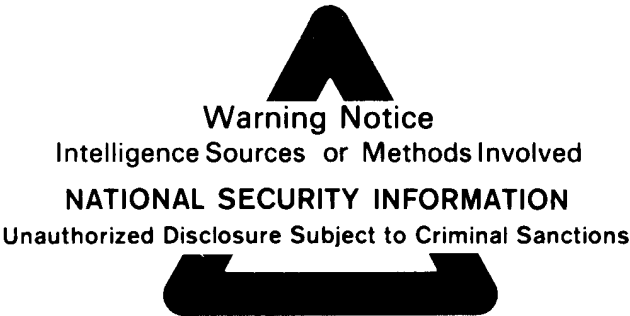
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PREPARATIONS FOR COMBAT AIR OPERATIONS  
KARSHI/KHANABAD AIRFIELD, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE ARRIVAL OF ELEMENTS OF A BADGER REGIMENT, A FULL FENCER REGIMENT, AND INCREASED LOGISTICS ACTIVITY AT KARSHI/KHANABAD AIRFIELD \_\_\_\_\_ INDICATE PREPARATIONS FOR MAJOR COMBAT AIR OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: TWENTY BADGER AND 31 FENCER ARE PRESENT (ONE FENCER HAD DEPARTED \_\_\_\_\_). THE BADGER ARE PARKED IN SCATTERED LOCATIONS AROUND THE AIRFIELD (GRAPHIC 2). MOST OF THE FENCER ARE ON TWO PARKING APRONS AND ARE UPLOADED WITH LONG-RANGE WING AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS (GRAPHIC 1). SOME OF THE BADGER AND FENCER ARE INVOLVED IN PRE/POSTFLIGHT SERVICING. TWO CUB HAVE ARRIVED \_\_\_\_\_ AND APPEAR TO BE OFFLOADING SUPPLIES (ONE OF THE CUB HAD DEPARTED \_\_\_\_\_). THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS NEWLY-ARRIVED STACKS OF UNIDENTIFIED SUPPLIES ALONG THE FLIGHTLINE INDICATES THAT OTHER LOGISTICS FLIGHTS HAVE OCCURRED RECENTLY. A TENT CAMP HAS ALSO BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE AIRFIELD ADMINISTRATION/BARRACKS AREA \_\_\_\_\_ (SNW)

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SIMILAR ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED RECENTLY AT MARY AIRFIELD NORTH \_\_\_\_\_ SIXTEEN BADGER ASM CARRIERS ARRIVED AT MARY \_\_\_\_\_ (SWN)

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KARSHI/KHANABAD AIRFIELD IS 75 NM NORTH OF THE USSR-AFGHANISTAN BORDER IN THE TURKESTAN MILITARY DISTRICT. (SWN)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ COORDINATES 38-50-01N 065-55-18E

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